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AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: NAS EXCHANGEES DR. HUBERT BARNES

REF: A. MOSCOW 6190; B. BONN 6592 C. TECH-MCCLELLAND TELECON,
4/26/74

1. SCI COUNSLEOR MET AGAIN THIS MORNING WITH MOSKALEV TO LEARN WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, HAD BEEN TAKEN AS RESULT OF YESTERDAY'S DEMARCH ON BARNES CASE. AT SAME TIME, WE EXPLAINED TO MOSKALEV SOVIET VISA REGULATIONS CONCERNING ENTRY BY CAR AS DESCRIBED TO US BY EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION AND SOVIET VISA AUTHORITIES. WE ALSO CITED DETAILS OF SEVERAL CASES OF EXCHANGEES WHO TRAVELED TO MOSCOW IN SAME FASHION AS THAT REQUESTED BY BARNES.

2. ONLY AFTER OUR PRESENTATION, DID MOSKALEV REVEAL WITH PLEASURE THT "URGENT" CABLE HAD BEEN SENT TO SOVEMBASSY BONN AFTER OUR MEETING YESTERDAY WITH
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AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT VISA TO BARNES TO TRAVEL BY

CAR VIA BREST EXACTLY AS REQUESTED. FURTHERMORE, MOSKALEV AGREED IT WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE NECESSARY TO PURCHASE ANY KIND OF INTOURIST TOUR. BARNES, CAN, HOWEVER, STOP OVERNIGHT IN MINSK OR SMOLENSK AT ANY INTOURIST OR CITY SOVIET HOTEL OR EVEN CAMP AT DESIGNATED PLACES IF DESIRED.

3. COMMENT: DURING CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION, WE GAINED IMPRESSION THAT AUTHORITY TO SEND CABLE TO BONN HAD BEEN RECEIVED, AND THAT CABLE WAS PREPARED, BUT NOT ACTUALLY SENT YET. WE THEREFORE SUGGESTED THAT IF SOVEMBASSY BONN "FOR SOME REASON" DID NOT RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION BEFORE BARNES INTENDED DEPARTURE, IT WOULD BE WISE TO SEND SIMILAR AUTHORIZATION IMMEDIATELY TO SOVEMBASSY WARSAW. THIS WOULD ALLOW BARNES TO DEPART BONN ON SCHEDULE AND PICK UP VISA DURING WARSAW TRANSIT. MOSKALEV ASSURED US THAT THIS DUPLICATE AUTHORIZATION WOULD BE SENT TO WARSAW "WITHOUT FAIL" TODAY, BUT THAT BARNES WOULD STILL HAVE OPTION OF REMAINING IN BONN AND PICK UP VISA THERE ON MONDAY IF SOVIEMBASSY DID NOT RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION BEFORE COB TODAY, APRIL 26.

4. PLEASE ADVISE AMEMBASSY BONN HOW TO CONTACT BARNES (REF C).DUBS

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